

# The Promise: God Wants To Be With You

"God Is Closer Than You Think" Part 1 of 7  
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## I) HANGING OUT WITH GOD: CAN IT BE?

**God has wanted to hang out with us since the beginning**

### 1) He wanted to "hang" in the \_\_GARDEN OF EDEN\_\_.

"So God created man in his own image... God blessed them..."  
(Genesis 1:27-28a, NIV)

### 2) He wanted to "hang" in the \_\_FLOOD ON EARTH\_\_.

"Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence... So God said, 'So make yourself and ark...'"  
(Genesis 6:12 & 14a, NIV)

### 3) He wanted to "hang" in the \_\_FORMING OF HIS PEOPLE\_\_.

"The Lord had said to Abram, '...I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you...'"  
(Genesis 12:1-2a, NIV)

### 4) He wanted to "hang" in the \_\_ESTABLISHING OF HIS PPL\_\_.

"Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here...' The Lord said to Moses, 'I will...'"  
(Exodus 33:15 & 17a, NIV)

### 5) He wanted to "hang" in the \_\_PERSON OF JESUS\_\_.

"[Jesus Christ] became flesh and made his dwelling among us."  
(John 1:14a, NIV)

### 6) He wants to "hang" for the \_\_REST OF ETERNITY\_\_.

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."  
(Revelation 21:3, NIV)

## II) HANGING OUT WITH GOD: WHY IT AIN'T!

**\*While God has always wanted to hang out with us  
we haven't always \_\_RECIPROCATED\_\_.**

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."  
(Matthew 23:37, NIV)

## III) HANGING OUT WITH GOD: WHAT IT OFFERS

**Closeness with God promises...**

### 1) ... \_\_REASSURANCE\_\_ for our doubtful times.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."  
(Joshua 1:9, NIV)

### 2) ... \_\_JOYFULNESS\_\_ for our depressing times.

"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."  
(Psalm 16:11, NIV)

### 3) ... \_\_GUIDANCE\_\_ for our disillusioning times.

"...If I go, I will send him [God's Holy Spirit] to you... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."  
(John 16:7c & 13a, NIV)

### 4) ... \_\_FAITHFULNESS\_\_ for our disappointing times.

"Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will disown us; if we are faithless, he is faithful, for he cannot disown himself."  
(2 Timothy 2:11-13, NIV)